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SARRATH SERVICES.

Sabbath School	9:30	A_i	M	
Church Services 10:20 A. M. anb	7:30	P.	M	
Y. P. S. C. E.	6:45	P.	M	
Prayer Meeting, (Wednesday)	7:30	₽.	M	

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We wish to correct an error made in the last issue of the Visitor in reference to the names of the ladies who are to have the management of Section 6—The managers are Mrs. C. F. Close and Mrs. Charles Bodey. Mrs. R. Gavine has been placed with the ladies of Section No. 5.

As already announced, our revival services will begin on Sabbath morning February 16th. The pastor has secured the services of his nephew, Rev. Parley E. Zartman, of Philadelphia, for these meetings. He will arrive on Monday, February 17. The meetings will continue for several weeks, with services each evening at 7:30, and afternoons at 2:30. We hope every member of the church will be out to these meetings. Come to every service and bring your friends and neighbors with you.

Sabbath afternoon, Jan. 19th, the pastor baptized the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, 127 Francis St. The baby's name is Lawrence.

The monthly consistory meeting will hereafter always be held on the first Wednesday evening of the month, immediately after the prayer meeting service.

The pastor has recently had a letter from Mrs. Paulus stating that Mr. Paulus was not so well, and was scarcely conscious of anything transpiring. Mrs. Paulus asked to be remembered in our prayers in their sorrow and affliction.

Rev. A. E. Baichley, agent of the Theological Seminary, of Tiffin, Ohio, stopped at the parsonage over night Wednesday, January 22, and preached for us at the midweek service. Sometime later he will spend a Sabbath with us and make a canvass in the inthe interest of the Seminary.

On communion day, Sabbath, Jan. 19th, the following persons were received into membership with the church: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gavine, and Ernest A. Payne. We are glad to have these friends associated with us in our work for the Master, and we trust they will find it equally pleasant to be identified with us in the church.

THE PRAYER FOR PEVIVAL.

Dear friends in Grace Church:

Through correspondence with your pastor, I learn with great joy of the awakened interest in all departments of your church work and life. This is a manifest token of the working of the Spirit of God among you. No doubt it is the first intimations of His answer to the prayers of your faithful ones who have said to him many times, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." And the present condition in your church is but a faint foregleam and promise of what God will do if you are faithful to Him. It is the sign that came to Elijah after his patient, persevering, persistent praver on Carmel, the cloud like a man's hand; but it was a beginning; he knew it would come; and soon there was a great rain. Be an Elijah for Christ, your church, and your unsaved friends.

Nothing can hinder the gracious work in your midst but your own unfaithfulness to God. In answer to our cry for a revival God often must say, "Take up the stumbling block out of the way." In many of our churches there is enough praying and fasting, but what God wants, what he must have, is repentance and putting away of sin, so that he may have no hindrance when he comes to work in unusual ways. Do not hinder Him.

Andrew Murray makes the following valuable suggestions in regard to prayer and revivals. I, Revival is God's work. 2, It will be given in answer to prayer. 3, The revival is promised to the humble and contrite.

4, It is as we return to the Lord that revivals will come; for if we had not wandered from him, his life would be among us in power. Let us return to the Lord must be the keynote of the revival.

God never fails us if we never fail him. Pray for constant faithfulness to him and to your work. Keep clean the vessels you have dedicated to him. Exalt Christ and the Holy Spirt in your life and in the work of the church. Keep the channel of blessing clear of any obstruction. Abandon yourselves joyously to Christ in the day of good things that He may repeat His life and work in you. Consider what a glorious privilege and what a great responsibility God has given us in making us saviors of men.

This being our privilege, let us unceasingly remember to do our part. True, religious life may be at a low ebb in the church; it may even seem dead in many places. But a great day is not far ahead of us. God can revive these dead ones, he can bring in the flood tide of power, he can do a mighty work of grace in your midst. "Believest thou that I am able to do this?" "Ye are not straightened in me, ye are straightened in yourselves." You can be still more a soul-winning church if there is a deep realization of vour own salvation and corresponding sense of responsibility for the salvation of the unsaved, a revival of love, of personal holiness and of prayer. Nothing, nothing, can hinder God's work except unbelief "So they could not enter in because of unbelief."

Do you need a revival in your

church? What splendid opportunities lie all about you for religious work. Are you ready for God to come in the demonstration of His power? Are you willing to pay the cost so far as your own character, conduct and service are concerned? Then listen to this precious promise of a harvest of plenty after years of famine—"My God shall fulfill every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Boundless promise from endless resources.

PARLEY E. ZARTMAN. Philadelphia, Pa.

DEATHS.

William Smith died at the home of his son-in-law, Edward Seabold, 208 St. Mary's Ave., Sabbath morning, Jan. 26. He was born at Columbus, Ohio. April 6, 1833. He was aged 68 years, 9 months and 20 days. He was married to Susan Kaylor April 13, 1857. He was a resident of Allen county for more than fifty years. Mr. Smith was quiet, unassuming, kind hearted man, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He had been failing in health for the past four years, and much of this time has been in great suffering; but he was patient and resigned. He united with Grace Church six years ago. He was an example of christian fortitude and resignation. A few days before his death he expressed to the pastor his desire to depart and be with the Lord forever. He had no fear of death, in as much as he had committed himself wholly into the hands of the Lord and Savior, He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, five sons and one daughter, and fifteen grand-children; three brothers and one sister. The funeral services were held from the church Wednesday afternoon, January 29th.

Mrs. Rebecca Shook died at her home in Coruna, Ind., Friday morning, at 2 o'clock, Jan. 31. She had been ailing for some weeks, but was not thought to be seriously ill until almost the very moment of her death. She was born in Stark county, Ohio, Nov. 25, 1835. She was aged 66 years, 2 months and 6 days. She was the daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Conrad. She was married to Jonas Shook Aug. 31, 1854. This marriage union. was blessed with four sons and three daughters. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, five sons, one daughter, nine grand-children, four brothers and one sister. Mrs. Shook was baptized in infancy, and at a very early age was received into full membership with the Keformed Church. She came with her husband into this state and located on a farm near Coruna, in 1865, She had a wide acquaintance and a large circle of friends. She was a devoted wife and mother and was loved and esteemed by all who knew her. She was a friend to everyone and kind to all. The funeral services were held on Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 2d, from the M. E. Church, in Coruna. Mrs. Shook was an aunt of Mrs. Zartman. At the request of the family the pastor was called to officiate at the funeral. Mrs. Shook had never changher relation with the Reformed church. and while there was no church of her choice in the community, she attended the services of sister denominations and communed with them. Sometime

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Dr. Nelson Shook, of Kendallville, was a recent caller at the parsonage. Dr. Shook is Mrs. Zartman's cousin.

Both Mr. Drukenbrod and Millard were quite ill for a week. They are much better, and Millard hopes soon to be back in school.

Mrs. Eberwine has been seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kessler. We are glad to learn of her improvement, and hope she may soon be fully recovered.

Mr. Leslie W. Hills was confined to the house several weeks with a severe attack of neuralgia. He was scarcely better until his mother became ill. Though still very weak she is gradually improving.

It is wonderful how street car riding even in mid-winter is enjoyed by some people. Mrs. Bodey and Mrs. Close will certainly be able to agree with us on this question, for at the last missionary meeting they rode several blocks past the stopping place and then walked back.

Mr. Luke Durnell has rented a farm three miles out of the city, on the Goshen road. This will bring the famly closer to the church. They expeet to move the latter part of March. The pastor recently made a trip to their home in company with Mr. Rudisill, and while there baptized their baby boy, Harry Willam. The little fellow is already enrolled in the cradle roll department of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Zartman was quite ill for a week, but is feeling better again.

Mrs. C. H. Gumpper was kept in the house some time with a severe cold. It was a pleasure to see her at church again.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, will be held at the rooms of Mrs. Lecklider, 86 east Wayne street, on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Zartman has offered prizes to the little ones in her class who are present every Sunday this quarter. Sickness is the only acceptable excuse. We wish the parents would help the children win these prizes.

Sec. No. I gave the first supper of this year, Thursday eve., Jan 16. The net receipts were \$22.40. Mrs. Bitner and Walters had the management of this section. Sec. No. 2 gave the second supper Feb. 13, Mrs. Bottger and Mrs. Hesserd have this section in charge. The receipts of the supper will appear in the next issue.

By Sabbath morning, February 16, we expect to have our new song books for the Sabbath School and for our revival services. "Make His Praise Glorious' is the name of the new book, published by E. O. Excell, of Chicago. We took pains to examine a number of other books, but found nothing in anyway equal to this book. We have ordered one hundred of these books; a limited number of themwill be for sale to members of the church and of the Sabbath School. The others are for the use of the Sabbath School and church services, and must under no circumstances be taken away from the church. Do not ask for any such permission for it cannot be granted. The retail price of the book is 30 cents.

(Continued from 3d page.) before her death she expressed herself as being ready for the coming of her Lord. "And so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort ye one another with these words." 4:17-18.

William Raquet departed this life Thursday afternoon, Feb. 6. He was born in Fort Wayne Dec. 4, 1871. He was aged 30 years, 2 months and 2 days. The particulars of Mr. Racquet's death are merely a matter of speculation. He went to his work at the electric light station Thursday noon and was about his work until late in the afternoon, when by some accident, he must have been in the act of falling, and try ing to save himself grasped some of the wires near him and was killed instantly. His death was a great shock to all his friends and the whole city. Mr. Racquet was married to Miss Minnie Dyer, June 22, 1899. He was a kind and devoted husband and had a large circle of friends. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife and father, three brothers and five sisters. The funeral services were held from Grace Church on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9th.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

FEBRUARY.

16. Tempted and Tried. I Cor. 10: 13. Heb. 2:17-18: 4:15. A. K. Zartman.

23. Obedience. 1 Sam. 15:22-23. t Kings, 4:14. Rev. 22:14. Anna Doermer.

MARCH.

2. The Joy of Service. Ps. 124:5-6; Matt. 25:19-23. William Walters.

Mr. Rudisill and Mr. Sweet have each furnished splendid loads of wood for the church. We hope others of our families from the country can bring us some wood. If the cold weather continues and the gas remains at such a low pressure, there will be need for more wood at the church.

A number of our little people have been afflicted with the mumps, among them were Raymond Close, Cherrill Drukenbrod, Esther Wright, and Robert Bitner. Not only the little people but some of the older boys and girls have had their share of fun too. Josephine Zartman and William Walter were two of the favored ones.

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